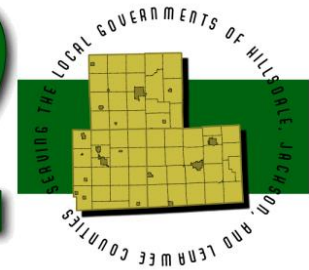


# Region 2 Planning Commission



## Jackson Area Comprehensive Transportation Study

### MINUTES

#### JACTS TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Zoom Meeting

**Wednesday, March 17, 2021**

Members Present: Mike Davis (Alt.), MDOT  
Jon Dowling, Vice-Chair, City of Jackson – Engineering  
Steve Duke, Region 2 Planning Commission  
Angie Kline, Chair, Jackson County Dept. of Transportation  
Mark Kloha, MDOT – Lansing  
Joe Bentschneider, Jackson County Dept. of Transportation  
Jack Ripstra, Blackman Charter Township  
Bret Taylor, Jackson County Dept. of Transportation  
Troy White, City of Jackson – Engineering

Members Absent: Michael Brown, Jackson Area Transportation Authority  
Jonathan Greene, City of Jackson  
Alex Masten, The Enterprise Group  
Andy Pickard, FHWA (Ex-officio)  
Juan Zapata, Jackson County Airport – Reynolds Field

Others Present: Tanya DeOliveira, Region 2 Planning Commission  
Maria Habba, MDOT-OPT  
Sam Korson, MDOT – Lansing  
Jill Liogghio, Region 2 Planning Commission  
Kelby Wallace, MDOT – Jackson TSC

#### ITEM 1      **CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Kline called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM.

#### ITEM 2      **PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comments were received.

#### ITEM 3      **APPROVE MINUTES OF THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING OF JANUARY 20, 2021 AND RECEIVE THE POLICY COMMITTEE MINUTES OF JANUARY 21, 2021**

A motion was made by Mr. Ripstra, supported by Mr. Taylor to approve the Technical Advisory Committee meeting minutes of January 20, 2021, and receive the Policy Committee meeting minutes of January 21, 2021 as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **ITEM 4            AGENCY STATUS REPORTS**

Project status updates were presented by the City of Jackson, Jackson County Department of Transportation, and the Michigan Department of Transportation. The following project details were provided:

- City of Jackson – Progress on the Elmdale Trail project continues. Stumps have been removed along the route. Both the Stewart Street project and the Bridge Capital Preventative Maintenance projects have been moved to the May letting.
- Jackson County Department of Transportation – Once the 2021 Preventative Maintenance project is let, more information will follow on the timeline of the completion of the project. A press release is out to local news outlets to let the public know about the mini-roundabout being developed for the South Dearing Road and McCain Road intersection. The Safety Audit projects will begin in mid March.
- Michigan Department of Transportation – Tree removal is occurring at West Avenue and Elm Road as work continues for the projects along the I-94 corridor. A pedestrian refuge island and rapid reflective flashing beacon will be installed near Henry Ford Allegiance Hospital on East Michigan Avenue in late 2021. MDOT staff has met and discussed the project with hospital officials. They are looking to improve pedestrian safety in the area.

#### **ITEM 5            APPROVAL OF AMENDMENTS TO THE JACTS FY 2020-2023 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)**

Mr. Davis reported that MDOT was requesting the following amendments to the JACTS FY 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP):

<b>FY</b>	<b>Job number</b>	<b>Phase</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Limits</b>	<b>Length</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Funds &amp; Source</b>	<b>Amendment Type</b>
2021	211152	PE	Regionwide	All trunkline routes in Region 2 MPO boundary	2.276	FY 2021 Durable Pavement Marking Application in Region 2 boundary	\$648 - Fed \$72 – HSIP \$5,000 – Total	Phase Abandon
2021	207302	PE	Regionwide	All of Region 2 MPO	2.511	Special pavement marking application on trunklines in University Region	\$2,592 – Fed \$288 – HSIP \$20,000 – Total	Phase Abandon

A motion was made by Vice-Chair Dowling, supported by Mr. Duke, to approve the proposed MDOT amendments as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **ITEM 6            I-94 CORRIDOR PROJECT IMPROVEMENTS UPDATE**

Mr. Wallace provided an update on the status of the various construction projects along I-94. The reconstruction of the Cooper Street bridge and the interchanges is complete along with the I-94 bridge over the Grand River. The M-60 bridge is also complete. The final design for the I-94/West Avenue/US-127 Diverging Diamond Interchange is complete, and a nonmotorized path is included to allow pedestrians to

move through the interchange. The Lansing Avenue Bridge has been designed to have three lanes and a wide sidewalk to accommodate nonmotorized users in the area. Project information is available on the project website: [www.michigan.gov/I94Jackson](http://www.michigan.gov/I94Jackson).

**ITEM 7**            **FY2021 HIGHWAY INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM (HIP) FUND ANNOUNCEMENT / HIP COVID RELIEF FUNDS**

Mr. Kloha reported that the Jackson MPO recently received \$85,380 in HIP FY2021 Funds. There is a 20% funding match required by local agencies in order to use the program funds, and the projects must be obligated by 2024. Jackson also received \$610,385 in COVID Relief Funds. The program does not require local agencies to provide a funding match, and the money must be spent by 2024. MDOT is encouraging local agencies to spend the COVID Relief Funds in FY2021 if possible, or in FY2022 or FY2023. The Federal Highway Administration is working on providing more information and guidance on how the COVID Relief Funds may be used.

**ITEM 8**            **NACTO URBAN BIKEWAY DESIGN GUIDE**

Ms. DeOliveira presented an overview of the NACTO Urban Bikeway Design Guide. The National Alliance for City Transportation Officials (NACTO), is an association of 86 major North American cities and transit agencies. The organization has published numerous guides and programs supported by the Federal Highway Administration to help support the development of nonmotorized networks in local communities across the country. The NACTO Urban Bikeway Design Guide provides guidance on how to design and build bike lanes, intersection treatments, bikeway signing and marking, bicycle signals, and bicycle boulevards (shared streets). By providing communities with state-of-the-practice solutions that can help create complete streets that are safe and enjoyable for bicyclists, the nonmotorized network can be accessible for all users. Local agency staff, stakeholders, and members of the public can review the guide and use it as a resource as the recommendations of the Jackson City + County Nonmotorized Plan are being implemented.

**ITEM 9**            **OTHER BUSINESS**

Ms. DeOliveira shared that the COVID Relief Funds that were allocated to the MPO will be discussed in a follow-up meeting with the City of Jackson, Jackson County Department of Transportation, and the Jackson Area Transportation Authority. Chair Kline and Vice-Chair Dowling agreed that a separate meeting to discuss potential uses for the COVID Relief Funds, the HIP Funds, and the upcoming 2023-2026 TIP call for projects would be helpful.

**ITEM 10**         **PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comments were received.

**ITEM 11**         **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Chair Kline adjourned the meeting at 10:20 AM.

Tanya DeOliveira  
Transportation Planner